GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1468
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2001
PRODUCT LABELS ON DABUR HONEY
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dabur Honey has been reported to be containing synthetic substances;

(b) if so, the inclusion of these synthetic substance permissible in the Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia and not detrimental of human health;

(c) whether the labels and names of the synthetic ingredients are required to mention on the product;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Dabur Honey has been licenced as a food item and not as Ayurvedic medicine. The firm has denied use of synthetic substances.

(b): Synthetic substances are not included in Ayurvedic Pharamacopiea which however, has not laid down standards for honey.

(c)&(d): If any substances other than standard composition of natural honey are mixed with the honey the manufacturer is supposed to indicate the name of ingredients with their quantity on the labels as per the requirement of the Prevention of Adulteration Act, 1954 Rules thereunder.

As per Prevention and Food Adulteration Rules 1955, no synthetic ingredients are permitted to be added in honey.